



DIGEST OF HB 1361 (Updated January 27, 2014 5:46 pm - DI 75)

Citations Affected: IC 5-16.

**Synopsis:** Public works projects. Amends the public works statute applicable to state universities so that contracts for small projects of a state university can be performed under a quotation procedure rather than a bid procedure.

Effective: July 1, 2014.

## Morrison, Karickhoff, Pierce

January 15, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Employment, Labor and

January 21, 2014, reported — Do Pass.
January 27, 2014, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.



Second Regular Session 118th General Assembly (2014)

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## **HOUSE BILL No. 1361**

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 5-16-1-1.6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1.6. In the case of fire,
flood, windstorm, casualty or other extraordinary emergency, including
mechanical failure of any part of a building or structure, and where the
health, safety or welfare of the public or the necessary governmental
operations are endangered by such loss or damage, the responsible
board or commission may, upon a declaration of emergency recorded
in its minutes, proceed to reconstruct or repair the building or structure
without advertising for bids. However, in such an emergency, bids shall
quotes may be invited from at least three (3) or more persons, firms,
limited liability companies, or corporations known to deal in the work
required to be done, and the minutes of the board or commission shall
show the names of those persons, firms, limited liability companies, or
corporations invited to bid. submit quotes.
SECTION 2. IC 5-16-1-1.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.172-2011,

SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE





JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1.7. On agricultural or forestry land owned or occupied by Purdue University and used by it for educational or research purposes, the trustees of the university may, upon a declaration of necessity recorded in its minutes, award contracts without advertising for bids or otherwise satisfying the requirements of this chapter, if the cost of work is estimated to be less than two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000). However, bids quotes shall be invited from at least three (3) or more persons, firms, limited liability companies, or corporations known to deal in the work required to be done. The minutes of the board shall show the names of those invited to bid. submit quotes.

SECTION 3. IC 5-16-1-1.9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.172-2011, SECTION 21, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1.9. (a) Notwithstanding this article, a state educational institution may award a contract for any construction or repair work to any building, structure, or improvement of the institution without advertising for bids and meeting other contract awarding requirements of this article whenever the estimated cost of the project is less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000). However, in awarding any contract under this section the state educational institution must do the following:

- (1) Invite bids quotes from at least three (3) persons, firms, limited liability companies, or corporations known to deal in the work required to be done.
- (2) Give notice of the project if the estimated cost of the project is more than twenty-five one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$25,000). (\$150,000). If required, notice must include a description of the work to be done and be given in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the county in which the work is to be done.
- (3) Award the contract to the **person who submits the** lowest and best bidder. quote.
- (b) A state educational institution that awards a contract under this section to a minority business enterprise may include the contract when assessing the state educational institution's performance in meeting the goal set under section 7 of this chapter.

SECTION 4. IC 5-16-1-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 8. (a) A person who submits a bid **or quote** for a public works contract under this chapter that involves the installation of plumbing must submit evidence that the person is a licensed plumbing contractor under IC 25-28.5-1.

(b) If a public works contract under this chapter is awarded to a



1	person who does not meet the requirements of subsection (a), the
2	contract is void.
3	SECTION 5. IC 5-16-2-1.4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
4	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1.4. The political body
5	or officer authorized to let contracts for public works or improvement
6	may, in the reasonable exercise of discretion, reject all bids or quotes
7	submitted



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions, to which was referred House Bill 1361, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1361 as introduced.)

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 4

Representative Gutwein

## HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1361 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 16.

Delete page 2.

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 4.

Page 3, line 34, after "1.9." insert "(a)".

Page 4, delete lines 11 through 32, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(b) A state educational institution that awards a contract under this section to a minority business enterprise may include the contract when assessing the state educational institution's performance in meeting the goal set under section 7 of this chapter.".

Page 5, delete lines 4 through 15.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1361 as printed January 21, 2014.)

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